Oil dealer in Bidar; if so, since how many years he is in possession of this site;

(b) what are the details of the rent fixed per month for payment of the rent and since how many years, the rent has not been paid;

(c) what action has been taken to recover the amount from the dealer;

(d) whether any eviction proceedings have been started against the dealer; and

(e) if so, when did the proceedings start and what is the present stage of the proceedings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir. Since the 21st March, 1964 till the 24th November, 1980, 2585 sq. ft. of land and since then 5500 sq. ft. of land has been in the possession of the dealer of IOC in Bidar.

(b) The rent fixed by the Railways for the land was Rs. 1103/- from the 21st March, 1964 and was Rs. 10219/- from the 1st January, 1982. The rent to the Railways has been paid upto the 31st December, 1985 by IOC.

(c) to (e) Eviction proceedings were initiated in September, 1986 by IOC against the dealer as well as for recovery of the arrears of rent, through the Estate Officer.

New techniques for drilling in West Bengal

1533. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new technique for oil in off-shore drilling in West Bengal is proposed to be used; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) and (b) Normal drilling practices based on the latest technologies are being followed to drill the offshore wells off the coast of West Bengal.

Mass deputation of executives of Oil India Limited

1534. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 117 executives of the Oil India Limited have recently applied for deputation to another public sector oil company;

(b) if so, what are the main reasons for such a mass of applications for transfer; and

(c) what are the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) 170 executives of Oil India Limited have applied for deputation to another public sector oil company.

(b) The main reasons may be a desire for a change in location, bettering career prospects and other personal reasons.

(c) A representation of the Govt. of India held discussions with the representatives of State Govt., OIL and AASU on the 8th and 31st January, 1987 at Dispur regarding the agitation by AASU. Further the Management of OIL has also initiated discussions with the State Govt. officials and students' representatives. Govt. of India have also written to the Govt. of Assam in the matter.